

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing an instant messenger list[[s]], said method comprising:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

~~receiving, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

adding the retrieved ~~received~~ contact data to [[a]] the ~~buddy~~ instant messenger list associated with ~~a user's~~ an instant messaging computer application used by the user;

selecting one of the contacts added to the user's instant messenger ~~buddy~~ list;

establishing an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

creating [[a]] one or more ~~buddy group~~ groups within the user's instant messenger ~~buddy~~ list, wherein the created one or more ~~buddy group~~ groups corresponds to [[a]] the selected one or more calendar entries; ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user;~~

storing the retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data retrieved includes the contacts' information;

identifying that at least one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list is a temporary contact;

storing an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, removing the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~selecting the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

constructing a query of contact information requested by the user; and

performing the query at a database, wherein the database stores the contact information that includes the contact data corresponding to the contacts; and

wherein the contact data received is a result of the performed query.

4. (previously presented) The method as described in claim 3 further comprising:
- receiving an expiration date corresponding to the query;
- storing the expiration date with the contact data received as a result of the query;
- periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date; and
- removing the contact data in response to the comparison.

5. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
- prior to the reception of the contact data:

selecting one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user; and

retrieving, from the selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entries; and

wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
- storing an expiration date corresponding to the created buddy group, wherein the expiration date is derived from ~~the~~ a date of the selected calendar entry;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date stored for the buddy group; and

removing the buddy group, including the contact data added to the buddy group, in response to the comparison.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

adding the received contact data to a buddy group included with the buddy list, wherein the buddy group to which the contact data is added is determined by a predefined policy.

9. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by at least one of the processors;

a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network;

a software tool for managing an instant messenger list[[s]], the software tool including software stored in the memory that, when executed by one of the processors, is effective to:

select, by a user of the information handling system, the one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieve, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

~~receive, from one or more computerized sources, contact data
corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

add the retrieved ~~received~~ contact data to ~~[[a]]~~ the buddy instant
messenger list associated with a user's an instant messaging computer
application used by the user;

select, by the user, one of the contacts added to the user's instant
messenger buddy list; and

establish an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

create ~~[[a]]~~ one or more buddy ~~group~~ groups within the user's instant
messenger ~~buddy~~ list, wherein the created one or more buddy ~~group~~
groups corresponds to ~~[[a]]~~ the selected one or more calendar entries;
~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user;~~

store the retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein
the contact data retrieved includes the contacts' information;

identify that at least one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list is a
temporary contact;

store an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;

periodically compare a current date to the expiration dates stored for the
temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, remove the contact data corresponding the
temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~select the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~store the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

10. (canceled)

11. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

construct a query of contact information requested by the user; and

perform the query at a database, wherein the database stores the contact information that includes the contact data corresponding to the contacts;
and

wherein the contact data received is a result of the performed query.

12. (previously presented) The information handling system as described in claim 11 further comprising software effective to:

receive an expiration date corresponding to the query;

store the expiration date with the contact data received as a result of the query;

periodically compare a current date to the expiration date; and

remove the contact data in response to the comparison.

13. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

prior to the reception of the contact data:

select one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user; and

retrieve, from the selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entries; and

wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

store an expiration date corresponding to the created buddy group, wherein the expiration date is derived from the date of the selected calendar entry;

periodically compare a current date to the expiration date stored for the buddy group; and

remove the buddy group, including the contact data added to the buddy group, in response to the comparison.

16. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising software effective to:

add the received contact data to a buddy group included with the buddy list, wherein the buddy group to which the contact data is added is determined by a predefined policy.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable storage media for managing an instant messenger list[[s]], said computer program product comprising software ~~effective to~~ that, when executed by a data processing system, causes the data processing system to perform actions that include:
- selecting, by the user, a calendar entry from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user;
- retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;
- ~~receiving, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~
- adding the received contact data to a buddy list associated with a user's an instant messaging computer application used by the user;
- selecting, by the user, one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list;
- establishing an instant messaging session with the selected contact;
- creating a buddy group within the user's buddy list, wherein the created buddy group corresponds to [[a]] the selected calendar entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user;
- storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information;
- identifying that at least one of the contacts added to the user's buddy list is a temporary contact;
- storing an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, removing the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~selecting the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 further wherein the software performs further actions comprising: ~~comprising software effective to:~~

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

constructing a query of contact information requested by the user; and

performing the query at a database, wherein the database stores the contact information that includes the contact data corresponding to the contacts; and

wherein the contact data received is a result of the performed query.

20. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 19 ~~further wherein the software performs further actions comprising: comprising software effective to:~~
- ~~receiving~~ receive an expiration date corresponding to the query;
- ~~storing~~ store the expiration date with the contact data received as a result of the query;
- periodically ~~comparing~~ compare a current date to the expiration date; and
- ~~removing~~ remove the contact data in response to the comparison.
21. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 ~~further wherein the software performs further actions comprising: comprising software effective to:~~
- prior to the reception of the contact data:
- ~~selecting~~ select one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user; and
- ~~retrieving~~ retrieve, from the selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entries; and
- wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.
22. (canceled)
23. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 ~~further wherein the software performs further actions comprising: comprising software effective to:~~

storing ~~store~~ an expiration date corresponding to the created buddy group, wherein the expiration date is derived from the date of the selected calendar entry;

periodically comparing ~~compare~~ a current date to the expiration date stored for the buddy group; and

removing ~~remove~~ the buddy group, including the contact data added to the buddy group, in response to the comparison.

24. (currently amended) The computer program product as described in claim 17 ~~further~~ wherein the software performs further actions comprising: comprising ~~software effective to:~~

adding ~~add~~ the received contact data to a buddy group included with the buddy list, wherein the buddy group to which the contact data is added is determined by a predefined policy.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method of managing an instant messenger list[[s]], said method comprising:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

creating [[a]] one or more buddy groups group within [[a]] the instant messenger user's-buddy list, wherein the created one or more buddy groups group

correspond[[s]] to [[a]] the one or more selected calendar entries ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;~~

identifying an expiration date of one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~, the expiration date derived from a date of one or more of the selected calendar entries ~~entry~~ that correspond to the one or more of the buddy groups;

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;~~

storing the ~~retrieving~~ received contact data in one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~, wherein the contact data retrieved ~~received~~ includes the participant information;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date corresponding to the one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~ that have identified expiration dates; and

removing one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~, including the contact data added to the buddy groups ~~group~~, in response to the comparison.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended)-+ An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the processors;

a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network;

a software tool for managing an instant messenger list[[s]], the software tool including code stored in the memory that, when executed by at least one of the processors, performs actions of: ~~software effective to:~~

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

creating ~~create a~~ one or more buddy groups ~~group~~ within [[a]] the instant messenger ~~user's buddy~~ list, wherein the created one or more buddy groups ~~group~~ correspond[[s]] to [[a]] the one or more selected calendar entries ~~entry~~ from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the ~~user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;~~

identifying ~~identify~~ an expiration date of one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~, the expiration date derived from a date of one or more of the selected calendar entries ~~entry~~ that correspond to the one or more of the buddy groups;

~~retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected calendar entry;~~

storing ~~store~~ the retrieving ~~received~~ contact data in one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~, wherein the contact data retrieved ~~received~~ includes the participant information;

periodically comparing ~~compare~~ a current date to the expiration date corresponding to the one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~ that have identified expiration dates; and

removing ~~remove~~ one or more of the buddy groups ~~group~~, including the contact data added to the buddy groups ~~group~~, in response to the comparison.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable storage media for managing an instant messenger list[[s]], said computer program product comprising software ~~effective to that, when executed~~ by a data processing system, causes the data processing system to perform actions that include:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to the user, wherein the selected calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the one or more selected calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts corresponding to the one or more selected calendar entries;

creating ~~create a~~ one or more buddy groups ~~group~~ within [[a]] the instant messenger ~~user's buddy~~ list, wherein the created one or more buddy groups ~~group~~ correspond[[s]] to [[a]] the one or more selected calendar entries ~~entry~~ ~~from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;~~

~~identifying~~ ~~identify~~ an expiration date of one or more of the buddy ~~groups~~ group,
the expiration date derived from a date of one or more of the selected calendar
~~entries~~ entry that correspond to the one or more of the buddy groups;

~~retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes contact
data for participants of the selected calendar entry;~~

~~storing~~ ~~store~~ the ~~retrieving~~ ~~received~~ contact data in one or more of the buddy
groups group, wherein the contact data retrieved ~~received~~ includes the
participant information;

periodically comparing ~~compare~~ a current date to the expiration date
corresponding to the one or more of the buddy groups group that have identified
expiration dates; and

removing ~~remove~~ one or more of the buddy groups group, including the contact
data added to the buddy groups group, in response to the comparison.